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A METHOD OF FABRICATING A STEEL FORGING, AND A FORGING OBTAINED

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RESPONSE UNDER 37. CFR 1.116

EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

NOTICE OF APPEAL

EXAMINING GROUP 1742

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated January 3, 2006 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 1-18.

- (X) A timely response to the final rejection has been filed.
- (X) The extension fee of \$1020.00 for a three month extension of time is submitted with the attached Petition for Extension of Time.
- (X) The Appeal Fee of [X] \$500.00 (other than Small Entity) [] \$250.00 (Small Entity)
 - (X) is enclosed
 - () is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-0975. The original and two copies of this sheet are enclosed.

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- () Small entity status of this application is established by the verified statement under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 which
 - () is enclosed.

- () has been previously submitted.
- () The Appeal Fee is not required since it was paid in a prior appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

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